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Dear Readers, we bring you the second edition of the T4EU newsletter. If you would like to express your opinion, ask a question, or suggest changes, please contact us at t4eu-vco@us.edu.pl.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND INITIATIVES

→ **LANGUAGE COURSE OFFER FOR STUDENTS**

JULY-AUGUST. FOR STUDENTS

Saarland University is excited to announce their newest educational offer of [two intensive language courses](#) this summer for students from the T4EU Alliance: French4Europe A2 to B2 and English Refresher Course.

→ **OPEN SCIENCE LECTURE: PUBLIC TRUST IN SCIENCE**

3 JULY 2024. FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF

Prof. Rainer Bromme (University of Münster, Germany) will deliver an online lecture on the conditions of trust in science and scientists, the role of controversies in science, and how science communication could foster citizens' capacities for making informed judgments about the trustworthiness of science and of scientists. [Find out more about the event.](#)



Saarland University
Germany



University of Alicante
Spain



EKA
Estonian Academy of Arts
Estonia



University of Silesia in Katowice
Poland



Sofia University
"St. Kliment Ohridski"
Bulgaria



University of Trieste
Italy



Vytautas Magnus
University
Lithuania



Universidade Católica
Portuguesa
Portugal



University of Primorska
Slovenia



Jean Monnet University
France



Mariupol State University
Ukraine (associated partner)

→ **T4EU SUMMER COURSE: ‘(CO)HAPPINESS LABORATORY’**

27-29 AUGUST. FOR STUDENTS

Vytautas Magnus University invites you to participate in the summer course focusing on shaping conditions for the happiness of oneself, others, and us all as a society in times of challenges and transformations held on August 27 to 29. Application deadline is June 30. [Find more about the summer course.](#)

→ **STAFF WEEK: MODERNISING UNIVERSITIES WITHIN THE T4EU FRAMEWORK**

24-26 SEPTEMBER. FOR STAFF

Jean Monnet University is pleased to announce its very first staff week event dedicated to managing directors, deans, and senior administrator in T4EU universities. Application deadline is 15 July. [Find out more about the event.](#)

→ **WORKSHOP: HERITAGE AT WORK – BETWEEN THE LOCAL AND THE EUROPEAN**

21-25 OCTOBER. FOR STUDENTS

The University of Silesia is organising a regional workshop consisting of three online lectures and four meetings to introduce the participants to cultural heritage and make a joint reflection on its geographical dimensions. [Detailed information about the event.](#)

ONGOING ALLIANCE ACTIVITIES

→ **T4EU SENTENCES**

The T4EU Alliance is a vibrant community speaking eleven different languages. To celebrate this diversity and to satisfy our curiosity, we asked a question of how different sentences describing the areas and purposes of the Alliance sound in different languages, not only in English. [Here are the answers.](#)

→ **THE T4EU SEED FUNDING PROGRAMME**

One of the Alliance’s priorities is to foster research support. The T4EU Joint PhD Support Office collaboratively engages academic representatives from all member universities to guide the Alliance’s research goals and opportunities. Initiatives or projects including at least two T4EU universities can benefit from the [Seed Funding Programme](#) and receive financial support.

→ **CULTURAL CALENDAR**

The [T4EU Cultural Calendar](#) is a tool to showcase a wide array of lively events organised by partner universities in collaboration with the GLAM+ network. It is

addressed to students and academic and non-academic staff willing to take an active part in the T4EU Alliance events.

PAST EVENTS AND INITIATIVES

→ **T4EU WEEK IN TRIESTE AND KOPER**

The University of Primorska and the University of Trieste organised together the T4EU Week on 20–24 May 2024 in Trieste and Koper. The programme involved fascinating events within several streams: students stream; PhD stream; management stream; research stream; recreational, cultural & social stream. [See the photo report on Facebook.](#)

→ **1ST T4EU SCIENCE CAFÉ: CAN WAR BE REPAIRED (BY CULTURE)?**

25 JUNE

For this first Science Café, we were honoured to host Prof. Christian Solte-Gresser (Saarland University) and Prof. Isabel Capelo Gil (Universidade Católica Portuguesa). Together they explored the thought-provoking question, 'Can War be Repaired (by Culture)?'. [Detailed information about the event.](#)

→ **CREATE JOINT CURRICULA WORKSHOP**

17 JUNE

The workshop focused on developing a joint strategy for education, including joint degree programmes, seamless and vertical mobility, and joint approach to T4EU Microcredentials to enhance the educational offer within Alliance universities. [Detailed information about the workshop.](#)

→ **CONFERENCE 'EUROPEAN RIVERS – PROBLEMS AND CHALLENGES'**

22 MARCH 2024

On the occasion of World Water Day, the team of the USil Silesian Water Centre, supported by the co-organisers and patrons, organised the International Scientific and Technical Conference 'European Rivers – Problems and Challenges'. [Detailed information on the event.](#)

→ **OPEN LECTURE 'DATA PROTECTION AND RESEARCH'**

26 APRIL 2024

The Estonian Academy of Arts hosted a lecture delivered by Marteen Juurik (University of Tartu, Estonian Research Council) on the basics of personal data protection regulations. [Find out more.](#)

→ **DEVELOPMENT OF JOINT PROGRAMMES BETWEEN T4EU UNIVERSITIES**

27 MARCH 2024

The Jean Monnet University organised a workshop on the criteria for building a joint programme with the aim of obtaining a European degree. Detailed information about the workshop is available on the [Transform4Europe website](#). And the video recording of the workshop (in English) can be viewed on the [JMU YouTube channel](#).

→ **VYTAUTAS MAGNUS UNIVERSITY VISIT TO MARIUPOL UNIVERSITY**

In mid-May, a delegation from Vytautas Magnus University (VMU) visited Ukraine and took part in strategic session organised by Mariupol State University in Lviv. [Detailed information about the visit to Mariupol University](#).

→ **T4EU PHD TRACKS AT UNIVERSITY OF SILESIA**

The University of Silesia in Katowice is initiating a new path for educating doctoral students as part of the Transform4Europe consortium of European universities. Candidates will be doctoral students at the University of Silesia, but they will carry out some of their tasks at the T4EU partner universities. [Find out more](#).

→ **INTENSE GERMAN LANGUAGE COURSES**

The International Study Centre Saar (ISZ Saar) runs an [Intensive German language course](#) that has been specially designed to meet the needs of exchange students preparing to study in Germany or at the Saarland University.

→ **OPEN CALL FOR STUDENT INITIATIVES**

Find like-minded students and together create an initiative that will improve collaboration, cooperation, and sustainability of T4EU, as well as benefit general well-being on the university level! [Apply by 1 July 2024](#).

→ **T4EU STUDENTS AT THE EUROPEAN STUDENT ASSEMBLY 2024**

Students from the alliance universities participated in all 11 panels and coordinated Panel 3 – Cohesion through budget policies. Check out the selection of event highlights captured in photographs, as well as the policy recommendations formulated by [students at the European Student Assembly 2024 in Strasbourg](#).

→ **T4EU DURING THE OPEN DAY IN KATOWICE**

On 14 May 2024, the University of Silesia in Katowice organised an Open Day, which included a Transform4Europe stand, where employees talked about the activities undertaken by the Alliance. [Find out more about the event](#).

STUDENT COUNCIL FOR T4EU STUDENTS

Dear Friends,

The Student Council is your central body for student representation within the Transform4Europe Alliance, consisting of 20 dedicated members from partner universities. Each university has two main representatives and one deputy. Our members actively participate in Executive Board and Steering Committee meetings, ensuring your voices are heard at the highest levels.

Responsibilities are divided across Work Packages, the Steering Committee, and project evaluation, allowing members to contribute based on their interests and skills. This flexible structure ensures continuous and effective student representation. We are committed to securing a student-centred approach in all alliance projects.

We are thrilled to announce that the Student Council is enhancing its cooperation with the Joint Communication Office of Transform4Europe. This partnership will improve communication and engagement across all member universities, keeping you informed about exciting opportunities and initiatives.

Stay tuned for more updates and get ready to benefit from this cooperation!

Best regards,
Your Student Council

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→ **T4ERI STRATEGY ACKNOWLEDGED BY THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION**

We are very pleased to announce that the fundraising strategy created by the T4ERI project has not only been recognised but also published in the European Commission document entitled 'Report on Good Practice from University Alliance Projects in Europe – Horizon 2020'. [Find out more and read the strategy file.](#)

→ **THE SECOND OPEN SCIENCE SNACK 'MYTHS ABOUT OPEN SCIENCE'**

As promised, this time we will take a look at the truth behind common myths and misconceptions about Open Science. Some of the myths harbour some truth, but other myths are just that – myths! [Read more.](#)

→ **T4ERI ROUNDTABLE: FOSTERING PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT IN R&I** **21 MAY 2024**

The University of Trieste held a [hybrid T4ERI roundtable](#), which explored such topics as strategies for effectively engaging diverse communities in citizen science projects; innovative approaches for communicating scientific findings to non-

specialist audiences; the importance of fostering open and inclusive research practices.

→ **T4ERI INTER-REGIONAL POLICY ROUNDTABLE &
STAKEHOLDER ASSEMBLY**

10-12 SEPTEMBER 2024

The thematic focus of the [event](#) is sustainable development and environmental transformation: effective climate adaptation and innovations. It aims to bring together stakeholders from the Transform4Europe regions working in this field such as municipalities/city government representatives, business companies, NGOs etc., to present a variety of cases from the Transform4Europe regions and to discuss the challenges and opportunities in the area as grounds for further cooperation within the Alliance's network of stakeholders.

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